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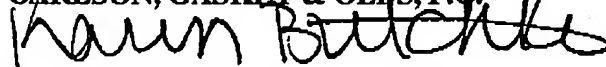
REMARKS

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,070,923 to Tanimoto. Claim 16 has been cancelled.

Thus, claims 9-12, 18 and 22-25 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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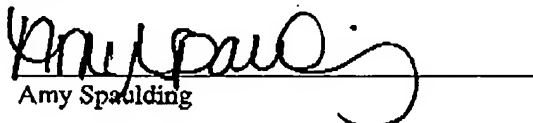


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